

State of Arizona Department of Education Research and Evaluation

TO: Superintendents, Charter Holders, Principals, and Testing Coordinators

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SUBJECT: Changes to the 2012 A-F Letter Grade and AIMS release schedule

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Dear Educator:

We are writing to inform you of changes to the scheduled release dates for A-F Letter Grades and AIMS data.

Embargoed Final 2012 A-F Letter Grades for all schools and LEAs available on the Common Logon.	August 1, 2012
Public release of Final 2012 A-F Letter Grades for all schools and LEAs	August 2, 2012
Public release of 2012 AIMS results	August 2, 2012

Please note that AIMS results and A-F Letter Grades remain **embargoed** and are not to be shared with the public until the date of public release. This information may be shared with school staff on a need-to-know basis only. Individual student test scores may be shared with students, parents, teachers, and other staff in order to make educational decisions related to specific students.

Please remember that the currently available preliminary A-F Letter Grades **DO NOT** reflect final A-F Letter Grades. Any data corrections made between the release of preliminary and final may cause changes to the final A-F Letter Grade for all schools and LEAs.

Please be sure to share this information with LEA and school staff as necessary.

We appreciate your ongoing cooperation.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact us at 602-542-5151 or Achieve@azed.gov.

